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In April 1952 the Chinese Communists were maintaining slave labor camps for political offenders, according to the Soviet pattern,<sup>1</sup> at Ch'ingho (116-18, 40-02), Ch'atien (117-45, 39-13), Tsinan, Yench'eng (120-09, 33-22), T'aiyuan, Chungking, Ch'ichiang (106-39, 29-02), Omei (103-30, 29-36), Tzuchung (104-51, 29-47), and at various places in Kansu, Sinkiang, and Tsinghai Provinces.<sup>2</sup> The camps were under the control of LO Jui-ch'ing, Minister of Public Security.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] for previous reports on labor camps in the Northeast.

25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. In April 1951 CH'EN Po, deputy commissioner of the Canton Public Security Bureau went to the USSR to learn how to run political labor camps. When he returned to China in July 1951 he planned to set up labor camps in Central and South China in accordance with procedures he learned in the USSR. [REDACTED]

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. In March 1952, fifty thousand conscripted laborers and prisoners were working in tungsten mines in various places in Kwangtung, [REDACTED] In June 1952 Kwangtung authorities were sending prisoners to Sinkiang and other border provinces, and the North River Special Administrative District had been ordered to send eight thousand prisoners to Sinkiang, according to the June 26 issue of the Hong Kong Hua Chiao Jih Pao.

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